no VHG whereas a VHG exists on paper; and

(c) what steps will be taken to make this scheme effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Most of the states in the country are not in a favour of the Village Health Guide Scheme. As on record 320360 Village Health Guides are on roll.

(a) A resolution was passed in the 4th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare that the continuation of the existing Village Health Guide Scheme may be left to those State Governments who desire to implement the Scheme. Continuation of the Scheme/ under Centrally sponsored scheme is under review.

भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों के लिए उपग्रहों से सीधे विदेशी कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण

3298. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजी केबल आपरेटर सरकार से कोई अनुमति लिए बिना ही भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों को सीधे ही उपग्रहों से विदेशी कार्यक्रम दे रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इसे रोकने हेतु कोई कार्रवाई की है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन उपायों के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री(श्री एस० जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम 1995 के अनुसार इस प्रयोजनार्थ सरकारी अनुमति की जरूरत नहीं होती।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का संसद के चालू सत्र में प्रसारण संबंधी विधेयक प्रस्तुत करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिससे अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1995 हो जायेगा तथा विदेशी उपग्रह टी०वी० चैनलों के विनियमन की व्यवस्था होगी।

Interruption in the Live-telecast of Birth Centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

3299. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of the Subhash Chandra Bose birth centenary function at Red Fort on 23rd January, 1997, went off, when leader of opposition in the Lak Sabha was paying tributes to Netaji;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether any enquiry was made into interruption of such an important telecast; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter was looked into and it was found that the telecast went off due to power break down in the microwave repeater station at Vikas Minar.

Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh

3300. SHRI K.M. KHAN: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Production Centres are fucntioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, their location; and, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to open more Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh in future or encourage opening of the same in future;

(d) if so, names of places selected for the propose with time schedule drawn up in this regard; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A studio centre is at present functioning at Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Two studio centre projects, one each at Vijaywada and Warangal, are at present under implementation in Andhra Pradesh and are likely to be completed during 1998 & 1999 respectively. In addition, a studio centre is also envisaged to be set up at Vizag subject to approval of the scheme by the competent authority, availability of resources and inter-se priorities. The normal lead time for implementation of a project of this magnitude is about 3-4 years from the start of civil works at the site.

(e) Does not arise.

बांका जिला, बिहार में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र की स्थापना किया जाना

3301. **श्री जर्नादन यादव:** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बिहार में बांका जिले में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस॰ जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) संसाधनों को उपलब्धता तथा पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं पर निर्भर करते हुए प्रारम्भ में राज्यों को राजधानियों और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि वाले देश के प्रमुख शहरों में दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों/स्टूडियो केन्द्रों को चरणबद्ध ढंग से स्थापित किया जा रहा है। बिहार राज्य में पटना, रांची, मुजफ्फरपुर तथा डाल्टनगंज में यह सुविधा पहले से ही उपलब्ध है।

Telecast of Doordershan and Metro Channel programmes in country

3302. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Doordarshan channels and Metro channel programmes are being telecast in each district of country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, names of such districts together with steps to be taken to provide the facility including time schedule drawn up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The satellite derived services of Doordarshan, including the Metro channel service, are already available throughout the country by using appropriate dish antennae system. Terrestrially, the National network (DD-I) is telecast in 68% of the area of the country enabling 86% of the population of our country to receive it. Since telecast of programmes through various transmitters of varying capacity transcends district borders, the information is not maintained on district basis. It is maintained on the basis of location of Transmitters and Doordarshan has currently 908 transmitters/transposers located in various parts of the country. It is the endeavour of the Government to cover at least 90% of the population and 75% of the area of the country by the end of IX plan.

LPT and HPT in Orissa

3303. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high power and low power TV transmitters separetely installed in Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the area and population covered by these transmitters in the state;